

Health Screening Survey (HSS)

Check the appropriate answer.

In the last 3 months, have you been drinking alcoholic drinks at all (e.g., beer, wine, sherry, vermouth, or hard liquor)?

YES NO **IF YES, ANSWER below.**

- On average, how many days per week have you been drinking **beer or wine coolers**?
 None 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 Everyday
- On a day when you have had beer or wine coolers to drink, **how many beers or wine coolers** have you been drinking?
 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8 9 - 14 15 or more **AND**
- On average how many **days per week** have you been drinking **wine, sherry, or vermouth**?
 None 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 Everyday
- On a day when you have had wine, sherry, or vermouth to drink, **how many glasses** have you been drinking?
 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8 9 - 14 15 or more **AND**
- On average how many **days per week** have you been drinking **liquor** (gin, vodka, rum, brandy, whiskey, etc.)?
 None 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 Everyday
- On a day when you have had liquor to drink, **how many single shots** have you been drinking?
 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8 9 - 14 15 or more

Do you think you **currently** have:

a drinking problem

Definitely Probably No Don't Know

Thinking back, would you say at any time in the **past** you had:

a drinking problem

Definitely Probably No Don't Know

Source: Fleming, M.F., and Barry, K.L. A three-sample test of a masked alcohol screening questionnaire. *Alcohol and Alcoholism* 26(1):81-91, 1991.

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Scoring the Health Screening Survey (HSS)

Scoring: The HSS contains several subscales – one measuring amount of alcohol consumption, one for self-perception of current problem with alcohol, and one for self-perception of past problem with alcohol. For adults over age 65, recommended safe limits are not to exceed one alcoholic drink a day. Self perception of a present or past problem with alcohol indicates problem drinking.

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